



**US Army Corps
of Engineers
Transatlantic Programs Center**

Program Overview

The Transatlantic Programs Center is part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, one of the world's largest public engineering, design, and construction management agencies. As a major subordinate command operating overseas, the Transatlantic Programs Center provides quality, responsive engineering services to U.S. military forces, other U.S. government agencies, and friendly foreign defense forces. Under the auspices of the Department of Defense, the work is carried out in the Middle East, Africa, and Russia.

The Transatlantic center is headquartered in Winchester, Virginia, with approximately 225 personnel and another 90 people permanently stationed overseas in field offices in Egypt, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Russia, and Kenya. A portion of our international mission is managed by a subordinate command - the Ordnance Program Division headquartered in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Our engineering activities fall into the following broad categories:

Work for U.S. forces

The Transatlantic Programs Center provides engineering, construction, and contracting services for U.S. military organizations during peacetime as well as contingency and wartime operations. Most of these services support U.S. Central Command, a major unified command responsible for U.S. security interests in 25 countries that stretch from the Horn of Africa through the Arabian Gulf region and into Central Asia. The U.S. Central Command draws forces from its component military services to accomplish its mission, and uses the Corps to provide facilities at certain host nation bases in the region, through government-to-government agreements. At all locations, the Corps works closely with host nation and customer officials.

Typical programs include:

- ◆ Designing and building facilities for use by the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force in Qatar. The work supports the prepositioning of military assets in the region.
- ◆ Designing and constructing or renovating facilities in Kuwait to support U.S. military operations, with work centered on operational and quality of life improvements.
- ◆ Designing and constructing facilities in Bahrain to support U.S. Navy operations, with work geared toward quality of life improvements, such as housing and utilities.

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- ♦ Providing engineering support to the U.S. Army and Air Force units in the area through a regional installation support office in Kuwait. This support is aimed at helping our military meet their facility engineering needs.

The Transatlantic Programs Center also provides contracted logistics support for the U.S. military deployments in the Balkans, a continuing mission since December 1995. The contract provides for base camp operations and maintenance; basic life support such as food, water, and laundry services; and equipment maintenance and transportation services. Work is carried out in Hungary, Croatia, Bosnia, Macedonia, and Kosovo. This support is provided at the request of U.S. Army Europe's Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics.

The Transatlantic Programs Center also supports U.S. military contingency operations when called upon. In the past several years, we have deployed personnel to provide engineering and logistics support for U.S. military deployments to Somalia, Rwanda, Haiti, the Middle East, and the Balkans. Contingency planning services are provided during peacetime.

Security Assistance

The Defense Department's security assistance program supports the defense interests of both the United States and its allies by promoting regional stability and deterring aggression, maintaining alliances, and disseminating democratic values. Foreign Military Sales is a principal security assistance program, permitting the sale of defense articles and related services to allied nations. The Transatlantic center accomplishes a portion of its overseas engineering work through the FMS program with the current efforts:

- ♦ **Egypt:** The Corps has worked with Egyptian defense forces for about 20 years to upgrade their facilities to support purchases of military aircraft, naval vessels, and related systems from the United States. Funded under the Camp David Peace Accords and oftentimes working with other U.S. government agencies, the work includes renovation and construction of air and navy bases, utilities systems, depot repairs, facilities expansion, and operations and maintenance activities. In a separate program, our organization is procuring equipment for a Military International Medical Center in Cairo.
- ♦ **Saudi Arabia:** The Corps has performed Foreign Military Sales work in Saudi Arabia since the early 1950's. Design and construction management services were provided for a variety of programs, at the request of the host government. Currently, the Transatlantic Programs Center sponsors the Ordnance Program Division, headquartered in Riyadh, which assists the Saudi Arabian

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Army Ordnance Corps and the Royal Saudi Land Forces with their ordnance and logistics missions for wheeled and tracked vehicles.

- ◆ **Africa:** Also under the security assistance program, the Transatlantic Programs Center provides project planning, technical assistance, and procurement services for a variety of projects in Africa, aimed at promoting democracy and raising the standard of living. The projects, which have a small dollar value but generate tremendous goodwill for the U.S. government, include schools, bridges, water facilities, clinics, and low-cost housing. Other programs include a demining program that will provide refurbished training facilities at various locations; and biodiversity projects aimed at protecting native plants and animals at certain African game parks. During the past 15 years, more than 50 projects in more than two dozen countries have been completed or are underway.

Other Engineering Activities

The Transatlantic Programs Center is also involved with these programs:

- ◆ **Cooperative Threat Reduction:** Under the Defense Department's Cooperative Threat Reduction program, aimed at destroying weapons of mass destruction, we're part of a joint effort among components of the U.S. Defense Department and Russia's Ministry of Atomic Energy. The joint team is designing and constructing a facility that will safely store materials recovered from dismantled nuclear weapons.
- ◆ **U.S. Agency for International Development:** Under a Participating Agency Service Agreement, the Transatlantic center is providing engineering and contracting services to USAID. The Corps is helping USAID with rebuilding damaged commercial buildings as a result of the 1998 terrorist bombing in Nairobi, Kenya.
- ◆ **Asbestos Abatement:** We are the lead Corps activity providing design support to the Department of Defense Education Activity's asbestos abatement program in overseas schools worldwide.
- ◆ **Construction Inspection Support:** The Transatlantic Programs Center provides as-needed construction inspection support to the U.S. Information Agency for security upgrades at their facilities worldwide. The scope of services includes inspections, quality assurance, safety submittal reviews, and pre-construction conferences.